

## ASK BEFORE YOU BUY

When you travel in the Caribbean, you'll find wildlife and plant products for sale—as jewelry, clothes, pets, souvenirs, and more. But just because something is for sale doesn't mean it's legal to take home.

By asking questions and staying informed, you can make sure that your purchase doesn't violate the law—and doesn't support the black market of wildlife trafficking.

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U.S. Wildlife  
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**TRAFFIC**  
the wildlife trade monitoring network

## ABOUT THE U.S. WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING ALLIANCE

We are a coalition of major companies, non-profit organizations and foundations dedicated to reducing U.S. demand for illegal wildlife products.

[www.USWTA.org](https://www.USWTA.org)

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## CARIBBEAN TRAVELERS' GUIDE



# BUYER BEWARE LIST

## AVOID

These items are generally prohibited from being brought into the U.S.

- ✗ All sea turtle and pangolin products
- ✗ Ivory, raw and carved
- ✗ Fur from tigers, most spotted cats, seals, polar bears and sea otters
- ✗ Live monkeys or apes
- ✗ Most live birds, including parrots, macaws, cockatoos and finches
- ✗ Wild bird feathers and mounted birds
- ✗ Medicinals made from rhino, tiger or Asiatic black bear

## ASK

These items may be prohibited from being brought into the U.S.

- ! Some live snakes, turtles, crocodilians and lizards
- ! Certain leather products, including some made from caiman, crocodiles, lizards and snakes
- ! Some corals, coral products and shells
- ! Certain plants—particularly orchids, cacti and cycads

## ASK BEFORE YOU BUY!

- ✓ What is this product made of?
- ✓ Where did this product come from?
- ✓ Does the country I'm visiting allow the sale and export of this product?
- ✓ Do I need permits or other documents from this country or the U.S. to bring this item home?

**REMEMBER: WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T BUY.**

## QUESTIONS ABOUT A PURCHASE?

Contact local natural resource agencies, the country's CITES Management Authority, or check:

[fws.gov/international/permits](https://fws.gov/international/permits)

[fws.gov/le/tips-for-travelers.html](https://fws.gov/le/tips-for-travelers.html)

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